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> Federal Election Commission 999 "E" Street NW Washington, DC 20463

Attn: Melissa Hurd, Reports Analyst

RE: Ohio Republican State and Central Executive Committee

1996 FEC 3X Reports

Dear Ms. Hurd:

In reference to the above reporting periods, please be advised that due to a computer program error with our contributor database program "Winning Ticket" we have incorrectly reported contributions that in fact were never received by us. We were aware that there was a problem but at the time we could not locate where the problem was occurring. Since Federal Regulations require that we submit reports on a timely basis we complied in view of the fact that there were potential errors. Through in depth review we have finally located the problem. On one day, March 13, 1996 there were items coded as being federal contributions, when in fact they were internal recordkeeping entries only and no funds were actually received by The Ohio Republican Party. At all times, on each report filed in 1996 the actual cash on hand was reported correctly. To balance our reports the unitemized contributions under \$200.00 were adjusted so that we could balance to our actual cash balance.

Now that the coding problem has been identified and corrected we are able to submit corrected 1996 FEC 3X Cover and Summary pages and accompanying itemized contribution lists. Also included herewith is a detail list of those contributions incorrectly reported and, therefore, removed from the corrected list of itemized contributions.

Please contact us if there are additional questions.

Sincerely,

Terri Matthews

Controller